

terwards died intestate in the life-time of the said Thomas Whittenhall Rozer, leaving issue now living, who are minors; and the petitioners conceiving that the deed of bargain and sale, so executed by the said Henry Rozer the father, and Eleanor his wife, to the said Edward Neale, is insufficient in law for settling the lands according to the purposes therein mentioned, have prayed that an act may pass for vesting an estate in fee-simple in the said moiety of the land called Bennett's Lowe in the said Eleanor, the daughter of the said Thomas Whittenhall Rozer, subject to an estate for life in the same in the said Henry Rozer the father, and after his death to the dower of the said Eleanor Rozer the younger, the mother of the said infant daughter; and also for vesting an estate in fee-simple in the said tracts of land called Aquonsick and Aquonsick Enlarged in the heirs of the said Notley Rozer, deceased, the eldest son of the petitioner Henry Rozer, and Eleanor his wife; and this assembly thinking it just and reasonable that the settlement intended to be made by the said Henry Rozer the father, and Eleanor his wife, as a provision for their children, should take effect, any informalities in the said deed notwithstanding; therefore,

II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That an estate in fee-simple be, and is hereby vested in Eleanor Rozer, the daughter of the said Thomas Whittenhall Rozer, deceased, of and in all the said moiety of the aforesaid tract of land called Bennett's Lowe; and also that an estate in fee-simple be, and is hereby vested in the heirs at law of the said Notley Rozer, deceased, the eldest son of the said Henry Rozer the father, and Eleanor his wife, of and in the aforesaid tracts of land called Aquonsick and Aquonsick Enlarged, the said moiety of the said tract of land called Bennett's Lowe, being nevertheless subject, and it is hereby declared to be subject, to an estate for life of and in the same to and for the said Henry Rozer the father; and from and after his decease, the said Eleanor Rozer, the widow of the said Thomas Whittenhall Rozer, shall have, and she is hereby declared to be entitled to have, a right of dower of and in the same, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Estate vested
in E. Rozer;
&c.

III. *Provided nevertheless,* That the estate herein before limited of the moiety of the tract of land called Bennett's Lowe, shall not take effect till the said Henry Rozer shall, under the direction of the chancellor, settle lands of equal value with the moiety of the said tract of land called Bennett's Lowe on the heirs of Notley Rozer, deceased, in the same manner and with the same limitations that the heirs of the said Notley Rozer, deceased, now hold the aforesaid moiety of the said tract of land called Bennett's Lowe.

Proviso.

C H A P. XX.

An ACT to incorporate a company for the insurance of dwelling houses and other buildings from loss or damage by fire.

Passed May
21.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the establishment of an office in Baltimore-town for the insurance of dwelling houses and other buildings from loss or damage by fire would greatly alleviate the distresses of, and afford immediate relief to, sufferers thereby;

Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That any person or persons in this or any of the United States, or foreigners, may subscribe any sum of money, not less than ten thousand pounds current money, (rating Spanish milled dollars at seven shillings and six-pence current money each) in shares of one hundred pounds current money each share; and the subscribers of shares to the amount of ten thousand pounds current money, shall be and hereby are incorporated and constituted a body corporate and politic by the name of "The Baltimore insurance fire-company," and by the same name shall have perpetual succession; and the said subscribers, and their successors, by the name aforesaid, may sue and be sued, answer and be answered, in any court of record or equity in this state, or elsewhere, and may do and execute every other matter and thing, by the name aforesaid, that they are authorized to do in virtue of this act.

Persons may
subscribe, &c.